

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE COMMON
COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA
FEBRUARY 22, 2006**

A meeting of the Common Council of the City of Jasper, Indiana, was held on Wednesday, February 22, 2006 in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 610 Main Street, Jasper, Indiana.

Call to Order.

Presiding Officer Mayor William J. Schmitt called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Roll Call.

Mayor William J. Schmitt	Present
Councilmembers	
John Schroeder	Present
Bradley Seger	Present
Thomas Schmidt	Present
Ambrose 'Butch' Schitter	Absent
Renee Kabrick	Present
Randall Buchta	Present
Raymond Howard	Present
City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein	Present
Clerk-Treasurer Juanita S. Boehm	Present

Clerk-Treasurer Juanita Boehm announced that in order to have a quorum for the meeting, a majority of the members of the legislative body must be in attendance. Six of the seven members were in attendance, which constitutes a majority; therefore, there was a quorum for the meeting.

Pledge. Mayor Schmitt then invited those present to recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

Approval of the Minutes

The following minutes were distributed to and examined by the Council:

1. January 18, 2006 regular monthly common council meeting and 6:30 p.m. public hearing concerning Ordinance No. 2005-46.
2. January 27, 2006 special meeting.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember Bradley Seger and seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt to approve the minutes as presented. Motion carried 6-0.

Boy Scouts. Scouts Phillip Whitson, John Fierst and Alex Meiring from Troop 182 were present. The scouts are working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Utility Service Board. Utility Service Board Chairman Greg Krodel presented a report of the regular monthly meeting held on February 20, 2006. Copies of the minutes are supplied to each council member.

Gas Contractor's License. Mayor Schmitt presented an Application for a Gas Contractor's License from Michael Cravener, 338 W. 7th Street, Jasper, Indiana. The applicant scored 90% on the application test and is employed by the City of Jasper.

During discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein explained that Mr. Cravener is employed by the City of Jasper and would be one of the inspectors for the gas department.

A **motion** was made by Councilmember John Schroeder and seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta to approve the application for a Gas Contractor's License submitted by Michael Cravener. Motion passed 6-0.

Resolution No. 2006-1 "A RESOLUTION OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, ADOPTING A WRITTEN FISCAL

PLAN AND ESTABLISHING A POLICY FOR THE PROVISION OF SERVICES TO AN ANNEXED AREA (State Road 162/Meridian Road)”.

Resolution No. 2006-1 adopts a fiscal plan for 96 acres for an annexation area known as State Road 162/Meridian Road.

Upon motion by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Howard, and approved 6-0, it was moved to read the resolution for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Randall Buchta, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, and approved 6-0, it was moved to have the resolution read by title only. The resolution was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember John Schroeder, seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger, and approved 6-0, it was moved to pass and adopt Resolution No. 2006-1.

During discussion, Financial Coordinator Sharon Sander presented a map of the proposed area and explained information contained in the fiscal plan.

Ordinance No. 2005-46 “AN ORDINANCE REGULATING OUTDOOR BURNING, REFUSE BURNING AND CERTAIN HEATING DEVICES”.

Ordinance No. 2005-46 regulates outdoor burning.

Mayor Schmitt stated that first reading had been held on December 21, 2005 and a public hearing was held on January 18, 2006.

The ordinance was ordered read on second reading by title only upon motion by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, and approved 6-0. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Raymond Howard, and seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger, the ordinance was approved 6-0 on the second reading. During discussion, City Attorney Sandy Hemmerlein explained the recommendations and changes that the council had made since the first reading and public hearing.

Thereafter upon motion made by Councilmember Bradley Seger, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta, and carried 6-0, it was moved to have the ordinance read on 3rd and final reading by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember John Schroeder, Ordinance No. 2005-46 was approved 6-0 on the third and final reading.

Ordinance No. 2006-3 “AN ORDINANCE APPROPRIATING ADDITIONAL MONEY FOR THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA, FOR THE REMAINDER OF THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2006”

Ordinance No. 2006-3. Appropriates additional money for the remainder of the fiscal year ending December 31, 2006.

Upon motion by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and approved 6-0, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Randall Buchta, seconded by Councilmember Renee Kabrick and approved 6-0, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt, seconded by Councilmember Raymond Howard, it was moved to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2006-3. The measure passed 6-0. During discussion, Mayor Schmitt stated that a Notice to Taxpayers had been published in the Herald on February 8, 2006 and asked for public comments. No public comments were received.

Ordinance No. 2006-4 “AN ORDINANCE ANNEXING CERTAIN ADJACENT AND CONTIGUOUS TERRITORY INTO THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF JASPER, INDIANA. (State Road 162/Meridian Road).

Ordinance No. 2006-4. Annexes 96 acres located near the northeast corner of Meridian Road and State Road 162.

The ordinance was introduced upon motion by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta, and approved 6-0, to read the ordinance by title only on first reading. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and seconded by Councilmember Bradley Seger, Ordinance No. 2006-4 was approved 6-0 on first reading.

City Attorney Hemmerlein announced that a public hearing would be held May 17, 2006 and final action could be considered June 21, 2006. Hemmerlein also stated that there were six property owners but only four had petitioned for annexation. City Engineer Hurm explained that Tyson Foods did not petition but they also said they do not oppose the annexation. The other non petitioner is the State of Indiana who retains ownership of .12 acres off the right-of-way which is surrounded by other property.

Ordinance No. 2006-5 “AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE BONDING OF CITY OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT THEREWITH.

Ordinance No. 2006-5. Sets bonding amounts for certain City positions and for the blanket bond.

Upon motion by Councilmember Renee Kabrick, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta and approved 6-0, it was moved to read the ordinance for one reading only. Thereafter, on motion made by Councilmember Bradley Seger, seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt and approved 6-0, it was moved to have the ordinance read by title only. The ordinance was so read. Thereafter, upon motion made by Councilmember Raymond Howard, seconded by Councilmember Randall Buchta, it was moved to pass and adopt Ordinance No. 2006-5. The measure passed 6-0. During discussion, City Attorney Sandra Hemmerlein explained that this updated an ordinance from 1968.

Paving. Street Commissioner Raymond Eckerle gave a report on the proposed street paving projects for 2006.

Letter. Mayor Schmitt read a letter from resident Mark Matthews complimenting the street department on a fast response to his request for a street sign.

Adjournment

There being no further business to come before the board, a **motion** was made by Councilmember Renee Kabrick and seconded by Councilmember Thomas Schmidt to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried 6-0 and the meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

**William J. Schmitt, Mayor
Presiding Officer**

ATTEST:

Juanita S. Boehm, Clerk-Treasurer

Cynthia Kluemper, Recording Secretary